

Milwaukee County Board

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MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board's Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee, in cooperation with the Ethics Board, is proud to announce that mandatory ethics training will be provided for all Milwaukee County employees in 2011. The individual training will ensure that all County employees and elected officials receive the same foundation on ethics.

"Ethics training has always been important within Milwaukee County government, but this will step up our efforts," said Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Committee. "I'm pleased to support this cost-effective method to properly train all Milwaukee County employees."

The online training tool includes the ability to customize the training based on individual departments while tracking and measuring outcomes. It is expected to take employees 30 minutes to complete.

The Milwaukee County Code of Ethics Study Committee, Chaired by Supervisor Joseph A. Rice, recommended a robust education component to properly inform employees about the principles and policies of the revised ethics code. "Instituting this training marks an important milestone for Milwaukee County," Supervisor Rice said. "It acknowledges the importance of ethics in the operation of County government and that we are serious about advancing ethical practices through the behaviors of our employees."

"Education is crucial in encouraging compliance and preventing unintentional violations," said Veronica Robinson, Executive Director of the Ethics Board. "The online training module will help all County employees deepen their connection to and understanding of Milwaukee County's code, while highlighting the value of workplace ethics in general."

The training is one piece of an ongoing, multifaceted effort to educate and train employees on issues related to ethics and the Milwaukee County Ethics Code.